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## PERSIA.

*End of plague in Bushire.*TEHERAN, PERSIA, *August 24, 1899.*

SIR: As requested in Mr. Tyler's dispatches of June 22 and July 3, 1899, reporting the appearance of the plague in Bushire, I have now the honor to transmit inclosed translations and copies of communications just received from the minister for foreign affairs announcing that that city is now clear of the disease.

Respectfully, yours,

HERBERT W. BOWEN,  
*Minister Resident and Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, *August 23, 1899.*

SIR: From successive telegrams which have been received from Bushire, as also from the official from the English legation, sent some days ago, it is ascertained that the plague does not exist in that city, and it is evident to the Persian Government that the port may now be considered free from the disease.

In order to inform your mind of this fact I inclose a copy of a communication from the English legation, which will be sufficient for the purpose intended, and furthermore beg to state that while announcing to the public at Bushire that the plague has ceased from their midst, the necessity will also be impressed upon them that should the plague make its appearance again the necessary means and preparation are to be ready in case of need to arrest its progress. The official authorities will also in this sense be instructed to take such precautions as may under the circumstances seem advisable.

I take this opportunity, etc.,

[SEALED.]

MUSTIRE ED DOWLAH,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs.*Mr. J. TYLER, *In Charge of United States Legation.*

[Inclosure No. 2.]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ENGLISH MINISTER TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AUGUST 8, 1899.

In completing the series of communications regarding the plague in Bushire, I have to state that from news which has just reached me from the English physicians I am informed that since the 11th of July, 1899, no case of plague or any disease analogous thereto has occurred in that city. Furthermore, from the above date up to the present time, no evidence of the presence of the disease has been observed in the port of Deylam, which is situated in that district. If the disease which manifested itself in that place was veritably the plague, the English physicians had no means of investigating its nature or pronouncing a definite opinion on the subject.

In view of the above facts the Persian Government has the right to declare that Bushire is free from the disease, and so to declare to governments interested in the above information.

I beg further to state that in my opinion it is advisable in case the disease should make its appearance after the summer heat has passed away that the necessary means and precautions should be adopted in advance so as to be able to deal with it on the first approach.

If the public of Bushire be informed that the plague has ceased to exist in that city, they should also be given to understand that, as a measure of precaution, preparations will be made in advance to combat it.

If, however, proper measures should not be taken and the plague should break out again it will be a matter for most serious regret.